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Man Charged with Drug-Related Death in Santa Clarita

A 38-year-old man has been charged with the death of a Santa Clarita man who was found dead from a drug overdose in his apartment, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Illions said Tommy Loaiza (dob 1/1/77) of Acton faces one count each of murder, involuntary manslaughter, grand theft of an automobile and sale of controlled substance, heroin.

Case PA083621 alleges Loaiza was convicted in 1995 of second-degree robbery and receiving stolen property in 2012.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow morning in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch. The case was filed on May 29.

Kahlil Banks, 42, was found dead from an overdose on May 21 inside his apartment on the 28000 block of Sarabande Lane, the prosecutor said. Loaiza is charged with supplying heroin to the victim, leaving him for dead and then stealing his Toyota Tacoma pickup truck, the prosecutor added.

Bail for Loaiza has been set at more than \$2 million.

The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 15 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.